

a future for education in the Western States that is on par with those in the Eastern States. It is important that we move forward. And I'm sorry, but there is collateral damage with this amendment that harms educators and education in the West.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON).

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Chairman, my friend and colleague from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) has mentioned that there are 2 trillion barrels of oil. That is a conservative estimate. Estimates go way, way, way beyond that. The only way we are going to know how much oil there is is if we actually have the opportunity to unleash the creativity of the American genius to go after that oil and develop it.

Mr. LAMBORN also said that we expect to have a large production by 2011, 4 or 5 years from now. The fact is, we could have big production out of shale much sooner than that if we continue on the path that we are on. If we delay, we will not have that opportunity.

I have an amendment that I am going to offer in a few minutes, and I will continue to talk about this point.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, the question here is not whether to develop oil shale, but how and when. The amendment would not stop it in its tracks, as my good friend from Colorado suggests, but it would direct those tracks on to a gentler and a more sustainable route.

We have always heard, Mr. Chairman, about oil shale being the fuel of the future. But as the Rand Report mentioned, I remind us, so are the potential problems. My amendment says, as we work to realize this promise, we are not closing our eyes to the problems in front of us.

I urge adoption of this amendment. It is a smart amendment. It is a wise amendment. It keeps faith with the people of western Colorado.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, I believe strongly in a balanced energy policy. We need to invest in alternative energy sources and we need to tap the resources that we have in a responsible manner.

The Department of the Interior is now completing a programmatic environmental impact study on the commercial leasing program that is authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This study is focused on evaluating the potential impacts associated with the development of commercial leasing programs for oil shale and tar sand resources on public lands in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

The scope of this environmental impact study will include an assessment for the positive and negative environmental, social and economic impacts of leasing oil shale and tar sand resources, both the positive and the negative impacts. I think that is important.

This will also include a discussion of the relevant mitigation measures to

address any potential impacts on the Bureau of Land Management's administered lands in Colorado, as well as in Utah and Wyoming. The Bureau of Land Management anticipates that the draft Oil Shale and Tar Sands Leasing Programmatic Environmental Impact Study will be issued just this summer. But this amendment would stop that from occurring.

The draft environmental impact study will be followed by an extensive public comment period, and a second revised programmatic environmental impact study will be issued prior to the final record of decision.

I believe we must pursue environmentally responsible means of developing domestic energy sources, and this amendment delays the responsible planning process already in place.

The gentleman from Colorado said this is important to our energy policy, and I agree. He also said that this was important to our taxpayers. I also agree. But the leases that were expected to come in under the Energy Act of 2005 have been taken into consideration in the budget we already passed this year. By stopping this, you will stop the income from those leases in fiscal year 2008. So this will cause us to exceed the budget authority.

I would suggest the gentleman from Colorado withdraw this amendment because it is subject to a point of order because your budget authority is going to be exceeded by this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I would yield to the gentleman from Colorado, but I would request that he withdraw this amendment.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, with all due respect to my great friend from the Midwest, I will not withdraw the amendment. I would make a point there, I don't believe a point of order is in order, because there is no revenue anticipated from the leases that are anticipated.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time to explain the reason the revenue would be depleted, there was planned income from fiscal year 2008 from the leases on the oil shale. So I believe, in my estimation, I am waiting for confirmation from the Congressional Budget Office, that it will be out of order.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman would yield further, and I thank you again for yielding, I am very certain that that is not the case, and I would just again remind all of my colleagues that the intent here is to do this right. Not to stop this from happening, but to do it right, given our history of oil shale development or the lack thereof in western Colorado.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman. I would say it is important that we let this process continue, and therefore I think we should vote down the Udall amendment.

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I think the gentleman from Kansas is referring to the other Udall amendment, not this amendment. I don't think there is a point of order here. There is another Udall amendment that did have an issue with it. There are a lot of them, so I can see how he could get confused.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will yield, I thank the chairman for trying to continue to hold the ranking Member in accuracy, but I believe it applies to both Udall amendments.

Mr. DICKS. Well, we will wait and see. But I didn't note the gentleman making the point of order.

Mr. TIAHRT. If the gentleman will continue to yield, I understand that I have missed my window of opportunity at this point in time to raise a point of order, but I will reserve that opportunity in the future, if such an opportunity will present itself.

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Chairman, I yield back my time.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. UDALL).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chairman announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. UDALL OF COLORADO

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 3 offered by Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

Page 111, after line 17, insert the following:

TITLE VI—ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 601. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement Bureau of Land Management regulations on Recordable Disclaimers of Interest in Land (subpart 1864 of part 1860 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations) with respect to a claimed Revised Statute (R.S.) 2477 right-of-way or to issue a non-binding determination pursuant to the Secretary of the Interior's Memorandum to Assistant Secretaries dated March 22, 2006, revoking the Department of the Interior's previous Interim Departmental Policy on Revised Statute 2477 Grant of Right-of-Way for Public Highways.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Chairman, I reserve a point of order.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. A point of order is reserved.

Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, June 26, 2007, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.